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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Briefing by Ambassador Edouard Brunner, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Georgia

Burundi

UNDOF (S/1996/959)

Liberia (S/1996/962)

Other matters

FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 3rd meeting of the General Committee will take place on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, at *9.15 a.m.* in Conference Room 4 (see p. 6).

Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled. *Today*'s briefing will take place in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	65th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the United Nations system [48]
2. Report of the Security Council (A/51/2) [11].

3 p.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/51/2) [11].

Informal consultations

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(A/51/L.24, L.25, L.26 and L.27)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/51/L.23 (item 96), A/C.2/51/L.19 (item 96 (d)), A/C.2/51/ L.15 (item 96 (e)), A/C.2/51/L.11 (item 97), A/C.2/51/L.10 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/51/L.9 (item 97 (b)) and A/C.2/51/L.4 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/51/L.36) (item 97 (f))

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/51/L.38 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/51/L.37 (item 12), A/C.2/51/L.8 (item 98) and A/C.2/51/L.18 (item 96 (f))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/81, A/51/87, A/51/90, A/51/114, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/51/664-S/1996/930, A/C.3/51/9)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/51/201, A/51/395, A/51/453 and Add.1, A/51/457, A/51/480, A/51/506, A/51/536, A/51/539, A/51/542 and Add.1 and Add.2, A/51/552, A/51/555, A/51/558, A/51/561, A/51/641, A/51/650, A/51/153, A/51/170, A/51/290, A/C.3/51/6, A/C.3/51/17)

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.56, L.60, L.62, L.65, L.70 and L.71

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.36, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48/Rev.1, L.50 and L.52, L.54, L.57 and L.58

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/51/347, A/51/459, A/51/460, A/51/466, A/51/478, A/51/479, A/51/481, A/51/483 and Add.1, A/51/490, A/51/496, A/51/507, A/51/538, A/51/556, A/51/557, A/51/651, A/51/652-S/1996/903, A/51/657, A/51/660, A/51/663, A/51/665, A/483/Add.2, A/496/Add.1, A/51/80-S/1996/ 194), A/51/189, A/51/203-E/1996/86, A/51/204, A/51/271, A/51/532-S/1996/864, A/C.3/51/3, A/C.3/51/8, A/C.3/51/10, A/C.3/51/11, A/C.3/51/12, A/C.3/51/13, A/C.3/51/15, A/C.3/51/16, A/C.3/51/L.18*)

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.43, L.44, L.63, L.66, L.68 and L.69

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.40, L.49 and L.55

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.67

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/51/36)

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.42

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human resources management (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1, A/51/421 and Corr.1, A/C.5/49/13, A/C.5/49/60 and Add.1-2 and Add.2/Corr.1, A/C.5/50/2 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.8 and A/C.6/51/7))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149] (A/51/26, A/51/115, A/51/126)

2. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-ninth session [148] (A/C.6/51/L.7 and L.8)

3. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [142] (A/C.6/51/L.9/Rev.1)

4. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [143] (A/C.6/51/L.12)

5. United Nations Decade of International Law [145] (A/C.6/51/L.6/Rev.1, A/C.6/51/L.11, A/C.6/51/L.13)

WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER RELATED TO THE ASSISTANCE TO THIRD STATES AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER

Morning*	closed meeting	Conferencep Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on a draft resolution under item 151 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	225th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee on Information will hold consultations with the Department of Public Information *today*, 26 November 1996 at 12 noon in Room S-1027.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 26 November 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: global financial integration)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: communications)

10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: trade and development)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: letter by the Chairman on periodicity for discussion of items)

1.30 p.m.-1.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations convened by the Coordinator on a draft resolution concerning measures to eliminate international terrorism *today*, 26 November 1996, at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Informal meetings

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (UNSMIH) will be held *today*, 26 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP) will be held *today*, 26 November 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.15 a.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/232);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/233).

10 a.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/386);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.19).

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [26]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/265 and Add.1);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.7/Rev.1).

3. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/51/L.23) [159].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Friday, 29 November to Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November, to Thursday, 5 December 1996.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, to hear briefings by: (a) the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development on the Special session of the General Assembly on Agenda 21; (b) the President of the General Assembly; and (c) the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 22 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 19th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

The Chairman drew attention to the list of documents relating to the item contained in aide-mémoire 2/Add.1.

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) introduced his report (A/51/13).

The representative of Norway, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/51/509).

The general debate began with statements by the observer of Palestine and by the representatives of Canada, Jordan, Turkey, Japan, China, Egypt, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam, Israel, Norway, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Ireland (also on behalf of the European Union and the following associated countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) as well as by the observers of Switzerland and the Holy See.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee made a statement in reply to the procedural remark made by the representative of Ireland.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

20th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

The general debate continued with statements by the representatives of Kuwait, Malaysia and Thailand.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [90]

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/51/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, paragraph 16, by a recorded vote of 62 to 2, with 39 abstentions.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, the Russian Federation, Belgium, Saint Lucia, Peru, Kazakstan, Slovakia, Colombia, the United Arab Emirates, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Eritrea, Algeria, New Zealand, Azerbaijan and Norway.

The Chairman replied to a question posed to him by the representative of Italy.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 90.

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Tokelau, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the United Kingdom proposed to defer consideration of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, with the exception of Tokelau, until March 1997.

Statements were made by Sierra Leone, the United States, Papua New Guinea (in his capacity as Acting Chairman of the Special Committee of 24), Chile, the Russian Federation, Colombia, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Venezuela, Romania (also on behalf of Moldova), the Syrian Arab Republic, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), China, Indonesia, India, Norway and Pakistan.

The representative of the United Kingdom proposed for a procedural motion, under rule 116, to defer consideration of the Non-Self-Governing Territories until March 1997. The representatives of Sierra Leone and the United States spoke in favour of the motion and the representatives of Cuba and China spoke against the motion, thereby after which the motion was put to the vote.

By a recorded vote of 52 to 46, with 22 abstentions, the Committee decided to defer the consideration of the question of the Non-Self-Governing Territories with the exception of Tokelau until March 1997.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji, Uruguay, Argentina and Cuba.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 48th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Marshall Islands and New Zealand.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

49th meeting

Note: The summary of the 49th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/231).

Monday, 25 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

64th plenary meeting

Floods in Honduras

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest symphathy to the Government and people of Honduras for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent floods.

The representative of Honduras made a statement.

Strengthening of the United Nations system [48]

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, New Zealand, Malta, Colombia, Cuba, South Africa, the Philippines, the United States, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), by Mr. C. Narayana Swamy, member of the Parliament of India, and by the representatives of Tunisia, Japan, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Korea, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Malaysia.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 26th meeting

General debate, consideration of and action on draft resolution on agenda item 62 entitled "The question of Antarctica" (A/51/390)

The Committee began the fifth phase of its work, namely, general debate, consideration of and action on draft resolution under the agenda item 62, and heard statements by the representatives of Malaysia, the Netherlands (who spoke on behalf of the States Parties to the Antarctica Treaty), Indonesia, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The Committee adopted draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/51/L.55 without a vote.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Colombia, Benin, Austria and Malaysia.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

The Committee decided, without objection, to include the delegation of Papua New Guinea in the list of speakers under agenda item 84.

The general debate concluded with statements by the representatives of Qatar, Lebanon, Indonesia, Australia, Bahrain, Malta and Papua New Guinea.

The Commissioner-General for UNRWA made a concluding statement.

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/51/L.12 to L.18 relating to the item.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

The Chairman drew attention to the basic documentation relating to the item (A/51/99 and Add. 1 and 2, A/51/514, A/51/516 to A/51/518) as well as to a number of communications relating to the item.

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report of the Committee (A/51/99).

Statements in the general debate were made by the observer for Palestine and the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan, Israel, Bangladesh, the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Brunei Darussalam and Tunisia.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/51/L.12 to 18 relating to the item.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew Committee members' attention to a communication addressed to him by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee regarding budgetary and administrative matters. [The communication refers to General Assembly resolution 45/248 (Part VI) which confirms the Fifth Committee's responsibility on the matters.] The Chairman replied to a question posed to him by the representative of Algeria.

He also informed the Committee that the programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9, under agenda item 86 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) would be available the following day, 26 November, in document A/C.4/51/L.24.

The Chairman informed the members of the Committee that the Committee would conclude its work, as scheduled, on Wednesday, 27 November, thereby taking action on all the draft proposals relating, respectively to agenda items 84 and 85, as well as on draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9, under agenda item 86.

SECOND COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Sectoral policy questions [95]

(b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.38

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of Costa Rica introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Colombia on behalf of the members of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.2

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Council of the results of the informal consultations held on the text.

A statement was made by the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as contained in document A/C.2/51/L.2.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

(c) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.25

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held and orally amended the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as contained in document A/C.2/51/L.25.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

(a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.13 and L.32

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Reza Hadji Karim Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.32 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.13.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as contained in document A/C.2/51/L.32.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.13 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda sub-item 96 (a).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.39

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union as well as the co-sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Malta, New Zealand, Nicaragua and the Philippines had joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.45

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Australia, Norway, Cape Verde, Croatia, Greece, Solomon Islands, El Salvador, Latvia, Malta, Costa Rica and Georgia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.46

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the Nordic countries, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.47

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Romania, Albania, Andorra, Croatia, Poland, Argentina, the Marshall Islands and Georgia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.48

The representative of France on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that San Marino, Malta, Latvia, Cuba, Haiti and Togo had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.50

The representative of Turkey, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Pakistan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Mauritius, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Rwanda had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.52

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Ukraine, Kenya, Lesotho, Belgium, Poland, Madagascar, Burundi, Haiti, Samoa and Mongolia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.40

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Kyrgyzstan was not a co-sponsor of theraft resolution.

It was also announced that Andorra, the Czech Republic, Argentina and Japan had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.41

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Kyrgyzstan was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

It was also announced that Australia, Andorra and Liechtenstein had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.53

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Andorra and Romania had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.55

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Chad was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

It was also announced that Mexico was an original co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

It was further announced that Belgium had joined as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.61

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Monaco, Romania and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.64

The representative of the Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Chile, Poland and Romania had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The representative of Ecuador, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Belgium and South Africa had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

51st meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of sub-items 110 (b) and (c).

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.54

The representative of Peru, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Belgium and Mongolia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.57

The representative of Colombia, on behalf of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

It was announced that Croatia had joined as co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.58

The representative of Colombia, on behalf of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries as well as China, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.59

The representative of Albania, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. It was announced Costa Rica and Djibouti had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

United Nations common system [121]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission presented the report of that Commission.

The Special Advisor to the Secretary-General made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

The representative of Canada made a statement

United Nations pension system [122]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard introductory statements by the Chairman of the Joint Staff Pension Board and the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee presented the related report of that Committee.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

(a) Revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee orally presented the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Ireland (on behalf of the European union), the United States, Japan and Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Controller made statements and responded to questions posed.

Organization of work

The representative of Mexico as well as the Chairman made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

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37th and 38th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Finland (E/1994/104/Add.7). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1966, adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties on 15 January 1992

Acceptance: Cuba (21 November 1996)*

Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities, concluded at Geneva on 27 June 1980

Accession: Myanmar (21 November 1996)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Myanmar (25 November 1996)

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